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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 23, 2009
To: Contracted Responsible Units (RUs)
From: Jennifer Semrau, Recycling Specialist
Re: Surplus Commodity Revenue Ballot

Enclosed you will find the annual surplus commodity revenue ballot for your consideration. The result of previous years ballots has been the total refund of all surplus commodity revenues retained by Winnebago County from 1997-2007. This action was prudent as Winnebago County did not need to utilize the rate stabilization fund set aside by communities and was still able to reduce the recycling tip fee in each of the past five years. This was due to the success of the tri-county regional recycling program and positive commodity markets.

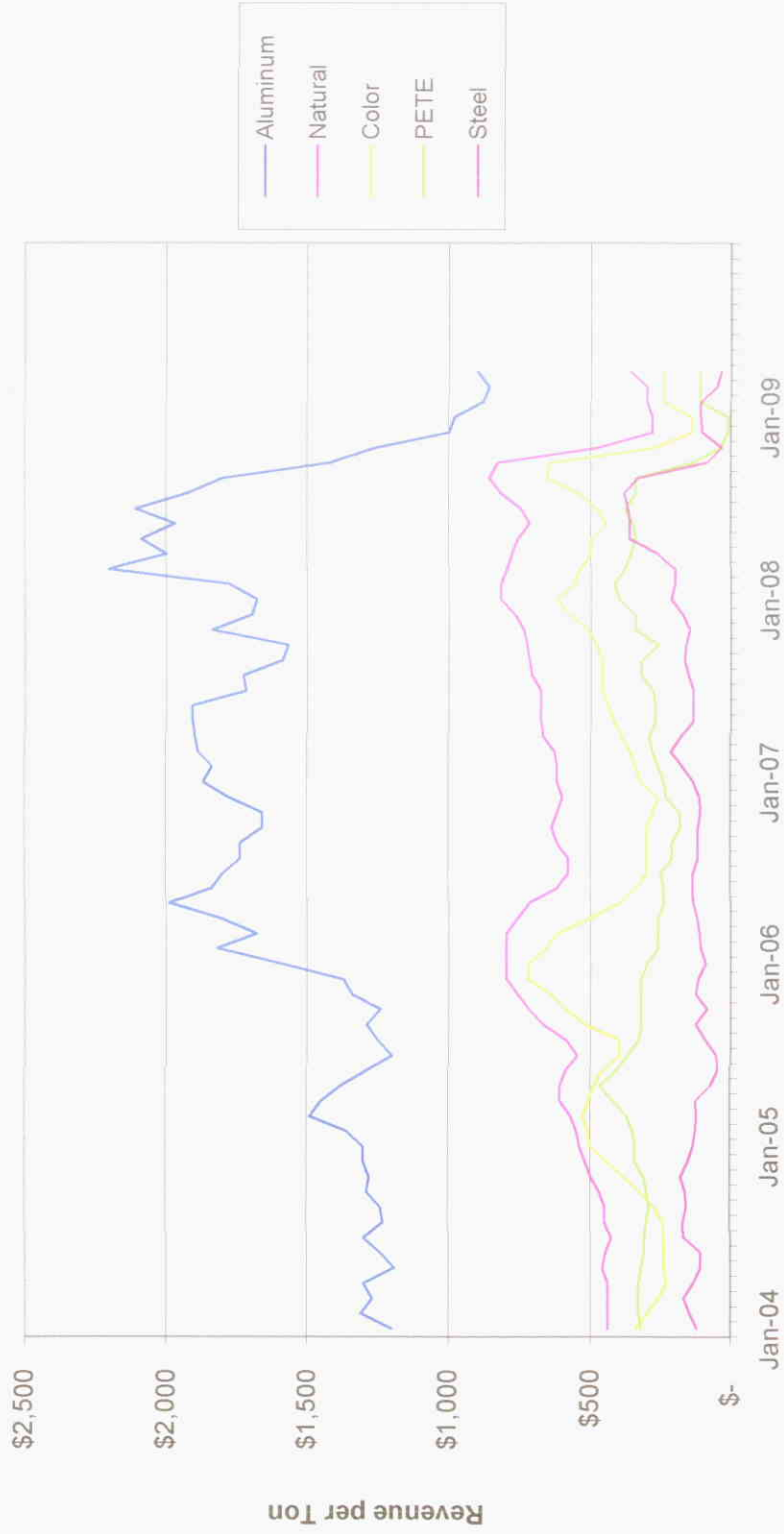
However, as described in more detail at the Recycling Program Annual Informational Meeting in March, owing to the poor economy, the bottom fell out of the markets in fall of 2008. As examples, milk jugs (HDPE natural plastic) which were worth \$910/ton in October fell to only \$280/ton in December; mixed paper which was worth \$85/ton in September was only worth \$5/ton in January. These examples hold true for essentially every recyclable commodity (all grades of paper, plastic and metal). The only exception is glass, which unfortunately due to its weight and transportation expenses, already experiences low value.

In the first few months of 2009 we have seen slight increases in the value of select commodities, but overall the market is still severely depressed. See the enclosed graph. While we anticipate markets coming back, the unknown question is when. As a result, Winnebago County is recommending communities vote to hold the 2008 surplus commodity revenue in a tipping fee stabilization fund. I sincerely doubt there will be surplus commodity revenue in 2009 and therefore it is wise to maintain these funds to offset the poor commodity markets in 2009.

Please consider the options carefully and return your ballot by **June 15, 2009**. Please feel free to contact me at (920) 232-1853 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Material Values



**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
SIGNING MUNICIPALITY RECYCLING SURPLUS REVENUE BALLOT
APRIL 23, 2009**

**ARTICLE IX
FURTHER AMENDMENTS**

The County and the Signing Municipalities agree that this initial Agreement may be further amended and/or supplemented by written agreement of both the County and Signing Municipalities representing 70% of the total population of Signing Municipalities.

**ARTICLE VI
FUNDING**

- B. The County shall have the right to collect any and all revenues from the sale of recycled materials processed by the County under this Agreement.
1. From the time of the County MRF's opening until December 31, 1994, said revenues from Signing Municipalities shall be applied to the cost of construction, purchase and operation for all structures, equipment and personnel required by the County to perform its obligations under the Agreement. In the event that revenues from Signing Municipality processing fees and material sales exceed the cost of program operation, the net profit shall be rebated after year's end to Municipalities signing this Agreement. Rebates shall be based upon each Municipality's actual tonnage processed during that calendar year.
 2. After January 1, 1995 the processing fee per ton shall be set to reflect the anticipated cost of services provided. The County shall hold revenue rebates from Signing Municipality material sold during the year 2008 in the amount of four hundred twenty-five thousand, four hundred and twenty dollars (\$425,420.00) for future recycling tipping fee stabilization.

Please check the appropriate box for your municipality's choice, sign and indicate individual title, date and return this ballot on or before June 15, 2009 (include a copy of your city, town or village resolution or a copy of the municipal board meeting minutes authorizing this vote).

☐ Winnebago County shall hold the recycling revenue surplus of \$425,420.00 in a fund for future recycling tipping fee stabilization based upon each Municipality's actual tonnage processed and sold for year 2008.

☐ Winnebago County shall refund the recycling revenue surplus of \$425,420.00 to Signing Municipalities based upon each Municipality's actual tonnage processed and sold for year 2008.

Signature

Print Name

Municipality

Title

Date Signed